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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for Authority to  
Reconductor and Convert From 230 kV to 345 kV Operation Its  
Existing Oak Creek to Arcadian Transmission Line and to Make  
Associated Modifications to Its Oak Creek and Arcadian  
Substations, Located in Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha  
Counties

6630-CE-256

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT  
OF COSTS AND HEARING**

<b>Direct Testimony Due:</b>	<b>June 30, 1999 – Noon</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>July 14, 1999 – 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Hearing Location:</b>	<b>Eisenhower High School, 4333 Sunnyslope Road, New Berlin, WI</b>

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO** consider the application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) for authority to reconductor and convert from 230 kV to 345 kV operation its existing Oak Creek to Arcadian transmission line and to make associated modifications to its Oak Creek and Arcadian Substations, located in Milwaukee, Racine, and Waukesha Counties.

Copies of WEPCO's application are available for public review at the Milwaukee, Muskego, New Berlin, Oak Creek, Racine, and Waukesha public libraries; at the office of the clerks of the towns of Caledonia, Raymond, and Norway, Racine County; the towns of Muskego, Vernon, and Waukesha, Waukesha County; and at the offices of the clerks of the cities of New Berlin and Waukesha, Waukesha County; and the city of Oak Creek, Milwaukee County.

The application will be the subject of a public hearing. The hearing schedule appears above.

**Project Need**

WEPCO is proposing the project in order to improve the reliability of the electric system in the metropolitan Milwaukee area and remove system limitations to power transfer capability from the south.

## **Project Location**

The project facilities are located in the city of Oak Creek, Milwaukee County; the towns of Caledonia, Raymond, and Norway, Racine County; the towns of Muskego, Vernon, and Waukesha, and the cities of New Berlin and Waukesha, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. The proposed project route is detailed in the attached map. The project is proposed along an existing transmission line route. There are no alternative project routes being considered.

## **Project Schedule**

If the Commission approves the application, construction is scheduled to begin in March 2000. Construction is scheduled to be complete and the facilities in-service by June 2001.

## **Project Review and Approval**

The utility is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.73, for producing proof of notice at the hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing will be held on July 14, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Eisenhower High School, 4333 Sunnyslope Road, New Berlin, Wisconsin. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Parking for people with disabilities is available. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

**Interests or concerns expressed outside the hearing or after the close of the hearing cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision.** The record of the public hearing is the legal basis for the final decision by the Commission on this application. Property owners or any other persons having an interest or concern about the facilities or route are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing. Members of the public who are not full parties may testify at the hearings **without pre-filing testimony prior to the hearing.**

Full parties shall file an **original and 20 copies** of direct and rebuttal testimony and exhibits with the Commission and shall provide a copy to other full parties. Direct testimony is due in hand by **noon on June 30, 1999.** A filing with the Commission may be made by facsimile for direct and rebuttal testimony, but the document filed by facsimile cannot exceed 20 pages. In addition, facsimile filings are due 24 hours earlier than the above dates to allow time for copying. The cover sheets of a facsimile filing must state "Official Filing" and the number of pages. Copies of testimony should also be available at the hearing.

The testimony of WEPCO and Commission staff witnesses will be available approximately one week prior to the hearing. Copies may be obtained in advance by calling Jim Lepinski of the Commission staff at (608) 266-0478.

Persons who desire to actively participate as full parties must request full party status in writing. Full party status requests should be addressed to Jeff Patzke, Hearing Examiner, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, Examining Division, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). Commission staff will prepare an environmental assessment to determine if the preparation of an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. A preliminary determination regarding the need for an environmental impact statement will be issued before the public hearing.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to receive this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Annemarie Newman, Public Information Officer, at (608) 266-9600.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Jim Lepinski at (608) 266-0478.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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## Project Location Map

